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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (CAPTION)

FOR ATHERTON FROM LEWIS

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SUBJ: AGENDA FOR JERUSALEM TALKS

REFS: (A) STATE 10944, (B) TEL AVIV 657, (C) STATE 10972

1. THIS MESSAGE WILL CONFIRM OUR TELCON LATE THIS
EVENING.

2. I TOLD DAYAN AT 1745 JANUARY 14 THAT WE WERE PREPARED
TO ASK EILTS TO PROPOSE TO SADAT DAYAN'S REFORMULATION OF
POINT B, SUBJECT TO ALL THE CLARIFICATIONS AND QUALIFICA-
TIONS IN REF A. HE WAS VERY PLEASED, AND SAID HE WOULD DO HIS
BEST WITH BEGIN.

3. IT WAS NOT GOOD ENOUGH. EVRON CALLED AT 1900 TO SAY
DAYAN WOULDNT HAVE AN ANSWER FOR ME UNTIL LATER. EVRON
AND ATTORNEY GENERAL BARAK CALLED AT 2200, ON BEGIN'S
INSTRUCTIONS, AT THE END OF THE MEETING OF THE DEFENSE

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COMMITTEE OF THE CABINET, TO GIVE ME THE DECISION:
(DAYAN HAD LEFT JERUSALEM FOR HOME IN TEL AVIV).

4. BEGIN CANNOT ACCEPT EITHER OUR VERSION OR DAYAN'S
VERSION OF POINT B. HE IS STILL PREOCCUPIED WITH
ISSUE OF TERRITORY VS INHABITANTS WITH RESPECT TO
THE PALESTINIAN PROBLEM.

5. BARAK SAID THAT HE WAS NOW CHARGED BY THE CABINET AND BEGIN WITH EXPLAINING THE GOI POSITION TO ME. HE SAID THERE ARE SEVERAL ALTERNATIVES--ALL ACCEPTABLE TO ISRAEL. THEY ARE OUTLINED BELOW IN PARA 6. IF THE EGYPTIANS WILL ACCEPT ANY ONE OF THEM THEN WE CAN CONSIDER THE AGENDA TO BE AGREED.

6. ALTERNATIVE ONE: A AND C REMAIN THE SAME AS IN OUR CURRENT PROPOSAL. "B" WOULD READ: "THE GUIDELINES FOR NEGOTIATIONS."

--ALTERNATIVE TWO (A): A AND C REMAIN THE SAME; OMIT B ENTIRELY.

--ALTERNATIVE TWO (B): C REMAINS; OMIT B; A REMAINS THE SAME, BUT WITH ADDITION OF PHRASE THAT WOULD MAKE CLEAR PRINCIPLES FOR DEALING WITH PALESTINIAN ISSUE WOULD BE DISCUSSED AS PART OF DEVELOPMENT OF DECLARATION. "A" WOULD THEREFORE READ: "A DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES WHICH WOULD GOVERN THE NEGOTIATION OF A COMPREHENSIVE PEACE SETTLEMENT IN THE MIDDLE EAST, INCLUDING THE ISSUE OF THE (PALESTINIAN ARABS RESIDING IN JUDEA, SAMARIA AND GAZA--ISRAELI LANGUAGE) (PALESTINIAN PROBLEM--OR OTHER EGYPTIAN LANGUAGE)", I.E., SPLIT LANGUAGE FOR THE FINAL
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PHRASE.

--ALTERNATIVE THREE: A REMAINS THE SAME--OR COULD IF DESIRED BE MODIFIED AS IN ALTERNATIVE TWO (B); B AND C ARE DROPPED. NEW POINT B WOULD READ: "AFTER THE DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES HAS BEEN COMPLETED, OTHER PORTIONS OF THE AGENDA WILL BE DISCUSSED.

--ALTERNATIVE FOUR: NO AGENDA, EITHER WITH MUTUAL AGREEMENT TO PROCEED DIRECTLY TO NEGOTIATIONS; OR WITH AGREEMENT THAT DISCUSSION OF THE AGENDA WOULD BE THE FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS.

7. I TOLD BARAK THIS LAST IDEA WOULD BE TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE TO THE U.S. SECRETARY VANCE SAW NO VALUE IN COMING TO JERUSALEM TO DISCUSS AGENDAS.

8. AFTER TRYING AGAIN UNSUCCESSFULLY TO GET BARAK TO ACCEPT OUR ORIGINAL "POINT B," I SAID I WOULD FORWARD IMMEDIATELY THE ISRAELI ALTERNATIVES. HE REITERATED THAT ANY ONE OF THEM WAS ACCEPTABLE TO ISRAEL. LEWIS

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